

ABRAM HATCH, PERMELIA
JANE LOTT HATCH AND
RUTH WOOLLEY HATCH

Abram Hatch was born January 3, 1830, in Vermont, son of Hezekiah and Aldura Sumner Hatch. He married Permelia Jane Lott in 1852 at Lehi. She was born Octo-



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ber 2, 1832, in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Cornelius and Permelia Darrow Lott. She died December 2, 1880, leaving two sons, Joseph and A. C., and three daughters, Minnie, Jane and Lacy. Two other children, Charles and John, died in infancy. Married Ruth Woolley in 1882. She was a daughter of Bishop Edwin Woolley of Salt Lake City, and was 25 at the time of marriage. She was the mother of six children, Mary Ann, LaPrele, Edwin D., Vermont, Aldura and Luacine.

Abram Hatch, first stake president of Wasatch Stake, was a grandson of a Revolutionary War veteran, Jeremiah Hatch, who came to Plymouth Rock in 1760. His mother died while he was a boy, and his father died in 1841. Abram, with his two brothers and two sisters, Jeremiah, Lorenzo, Adeline and Elizabeth, moved to Illinois to live with grandparents. The children were left considerable money by their father, but it was entrusted to an uncle who used it for himself, leaving the youngsters to do for themselves. Abram had always desired an education, but it was not possible for him to obtain it. When his grandparents died he became a cabin boy on a Mississippi River boat, and later cut cordwood for a living. He worked as an apprentice in a store and learned merchandising. He

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came to Utah in 1850, and was married to Permelia Lott in Lehi in 1852. They built a cabin by Utah Lake and started a farm and small merchandise business in Lehi. He also hauled freight and brought companies of immigrants back to Utah, making 11 trips across the plains. In 1861 he was called on a mission to England, leaving his wife and youngsters at home. His wife managed the farm, store and also ran freight teams to the Missouri River to obtain the needed supplies. She sold provisions to Johnston's Army. When her husband's mission was completed she was able to send him \$10,000 in gold dust to tour Europe and return home. He used most of the money to purchase merchandise enroute home. He bought a threshing machine, the first to come to Utah, and also stocks for the store. Two years after his return he was called by President Brigham Young to move to Heber and serve as bishop of the ward. He later became the first stake president and served 33 years in that position. Active in civic affairs, he was probate judge six years and served in the territorial legislature 23 years, authoring many worthwhile pieces of legislation. He also established a fine merchandising business in Heber and was known as a farmer and banker. His first home in Heber was built on the corner of First North and Main. He later built a large sandstone home east of his mercantile business. His first wife died at the age of 48 and was buried according to her wishes, in Lehi, by the graves of two small sons. He married Ruth Woolley in 1882. She was then 25 years old, and bore him six children, four daughters and two sons. She was a lovely, talented young lady, with a fine singing voice, and was a great help to him as he grew older. He died in Heber on December 2, 1911, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery. It was his wish that he be buried in the county he had helped build and where he had lived so long.

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County. The wards at that time were Heber East, Heber West, Midway, Wallsburg, Charleston, Buysville, Upper Daniels, Center, Lake Creek, Francis, Benchcreek, Elkhorn, Riverdale and Woodland. In Uintah County there were Ashley Center, Mill District, Ashley Fork and Merrill Wards.

Some of the stake officers appointed at the time of stake organization were Thomas Todd, president of the Elders Quorum with Orson Hicken and Henry Ohlwiler as counselors. John M. Murdock was named president of the High Priests Quorum with John Jordan and Charles N. Carroll as counselors. Thomas Rasband was appointed to preside over the priests, Thomas Hicken Sr. to preside over teachers and J. Heber Moulton over the deacons. William Forman was named to act as the agent for the Presiding Bishop of the Church. Emma Brown

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VERONICA MURDOCK CALDOW GILES

Veronica Giles was born June 16, 1816, in Scotland, where she was married and reared 11 children. Her husband died and she came to Utah, where she married Thomas Giles in Heber. She died October 4, 1908.

Veronica was a daughter of James and Mary Murray Murdoch. With her mother and brothers and sisters she joined the LDS Church in Scotland after the death of her husband.

Several members of her family emigrated to Utah, and when her brother William decided to come, he offered her transportation. Her children were grown, and they were agreeable to her coming. She sailed from Liverpool on May 24, 1878, arriving in Salt Lake City on June 13 of the same year. Twenty-two years earlier her mother had attempted to cross the plains in a handcart company at the age of 72, but succumbed at Chimney Rock.

Veronica and the group she traveled with came directly to Heber and rented a home on the northwest corner of First West and Second North. Several members of the group soon found more suitable accommodations, but Veronica remained and before long had married her landlord, Thomas Giles.

She was known to friends and relatives as "Aunt Vackey," and had a pleasing Scotch personality, with a keen wit, cheerful disposition and a heavy brogue.

When her husband passed away she continued to live in the little home until, because of her age, she went to live with a niece, Mary Lindsay, and a nephew, Andrew Mair. She was at the Mair home when she died, at the age of 92.

CHRISTINA CARLILE GILES

Christina Carlile Giles was born November 17, 1849, in Greisburg, England, daughter of John Carlile and Elizabeth Williamson, and died December 10, 1942.

She married William Giles on June 13, 1868, who was born March 26, 1843, in Broxholme, Lincolnshire, England, and died

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November 11, 1895. William Giles was the son of William Giles and Sarah Huskinson Giles.

Children: John William (Rachel Ann Taylor), Sarah F. (George Clegg), Christina Annie (Byron Averett), Mary E. (David Baird), Martha K. (Andrew Erickson), Ellen M. (Wilford Howarth), Edwin H. (unmarried), Alma (Cleo Dennis). Five children died in infancy.



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